



Sunnyvale
Public Library

Between the Lines

May/June 2005

Sunnyvale Library Gets a New Online Catalog!

By Marsha Pollak

*Searching
Just Got
Easier!*

The Sunnyvale Library catalog will soon have a new look and feel. After 19 years with the same vendor, the Library has purchased a new library catalog from Innovative Interfaces called "Millennium." The system is scheduled to be operational in June.

This catalog will be easy for patrons to use, especially for those avid users of multiple libraries in Silicon Valley, since it is the same catalog system used by Mountain View, Santa Clara City, and San Jose public libraries.

Some of the new features include the ability to:

- Browse books by their covers. An image of the book cover will now display next to many of the Library's books. If available, there may also be a review or first chapter of the book.
- Receive email notification of items being held for you, overdue materials, or a courtesy reminder before items are due.
- Access multiple resources with a single search.
- View the catalog in Spanish or traditional Chinese. Search for Chinese language materials

using Chinese characters. Note: The Chinese language searching will not be immediately available in June.

- Locate materials that Sunnyvale does not own at neighboring libraries, initiate a request, and receive the materials here in Sunnyvale. This option will be available later in the year.

In addition, Library users will still be able to place holds from inside or outside the Library, renew items and view their account information.

Did you know that Sunnyvale Public Library is one of the busiest libraries in California, checking out more than 625 items each open hour? After careful consideration, the Millennium product was selected because it met both patron and staff needs in terms of functionality and efficiency. Searching for information just got easier!

Library staff remain committed to helping you find the information you need. New classes will be developed to help you maximize your use of the catalog, and staff will be available to answer questions as they arise.

Meet Khaled Hosseini!

By Sara Kempen

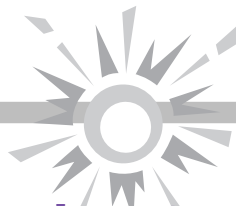


Sunnyvale has a bestselling author and he's coming to the Library! In fact, he says he visits often. Khaled Hosseini, local physician and award-winning author of **The Kite Runner**, will be speaking, reading, and answering questions Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Program Room.

The Kite Runner has been on several bestseller lists for the last year including those of the *New York Times* and our local *San Francisco Chronicle*. Published in June 2003, the book seems to be gaining rather than slowing in sales.

The book is an epic tale of life in a country that has been torn from within and without for the last thirty years. The story begins in pre-Soviet occupied Afghanistan with two young men from very different places in the world. Hassan, the narrator, is the son of a wealthy businessman and his friend Amir is a servant in his home. Themes of friendship, loyalty, courage, tenacity of life, father-son relationships, and finally atonement are all part of this vivid picture of life in Afghanistan. This program is not to be missed.

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Sc[i]³ Update

City Council Supports Transition Plan

By Steve Sloan

Since 1963, the City of Sunnyvale has offered enhanced intellectual property services through the Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) program offered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The Sunnyvale Public Library was among the first libraries in the country to provide PTDL services, not too surprising considering that more patents are issued in Silicon Valley than anywhere else. As if to continue the trend of innovation, in 1994, Sunnyvale became the first to partner with the USPTO to broaden the services provided to independent inventors, paralegals, patent attorneys, and others in the intellectual property community. This partnership became known as Sc[i]³, the Sunnyvale Center for Innovation, Invention, and Ideas, and was charged with cost recovery since its inception. Never in its 10-year history had Sc[i]³ managed to recover its costs, and as the City of Sunnyvale's economic health wavered in the past few years, the subsidy required to maintain the operation became an increasing concern.

In November 2004, the City Council received more than 50 oral and written statements in support of Sc[i]³. The operation was then given a temporary reprieve so that the Sc[i]³ Foundation could attempt to raise funds to support the program. In just four months, the foundation successfully raised more than \$40,000 in pledges and cash donations based upon a plan to restructure Sc[i]³ and move the operation to Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale, thereby eliminating any potential future costs to the City. At their meeting on March 29, 2005, the City

Council supported Cogswell College's plan to become a PTDL and partner of the USPTO, and provided reserve funds to enable Sc[i]³ to operate during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 to facilitate the transition. Once the Cogswell College site is operational, it is hoped the intellectual property services which are now being offered at the Sunnyvale Library will be available at this new location.

Much has changed since Sunnyvale formed the first partnership in 1994. The Internet was still in its infancy then and specialized research was only available through USPTO databases available at partner libraries. Sc[i]³ Foundation members hope to work with the USPTO to build a new partnership model focused on the training component rather than research. If they are successful, intellectual property services will have been preserved in Sunnyvale, and the City that describes itself as the "Heart of Silicon Valley," a characterization that speaks to the innovation, inventions, and ideas present in the region, will have reaffirmed that status for years to come.

Book A Great Summer!

Join the 5th Annual Adult Summer Reading Program

By Mary Chartrain

Whether you have a summer vacation scheduled or not, you can always travel to new lands and have new experiences through the wonderful adventure of reading. To help make those reading journeys even more enjoyable, the Sunnyvale Public Library invites you to "Book a Great Summer" by joining our annual Adult Summer Reading Program. We're also celebrating the fifth anniversary of this program that started in 2001, with ongoing funding from the Friends of the Library.

How do I join?

- Read a book!
- Be 16 or older and have a current Sunnyvale Library card.
- Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk between Wednesday, June 1 and August 1, 2005.

What do I do next?

- When you sign up, a librarian will give you a card ("Summer Reading Log") to keep on file at the Library.
- Every time you read a book, record the title in your log.
- Books can be fiction or non-fiction and in any language. Unabridged recorded books also count.

Do I get any rewards?

- After four books, you will receive a prize.
- After eight books, you may select a free paperback book.
- When you finish twelve books, you will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing in September.

Are there any dates I should remember?

- Wednesday, June 1: First day to sign up.
- Monday, August 1: Last day to sign up.
- Sunday, September 11: Last day to record book titles in your log.
- Wednesday, September 14: Summer Reading Program Tea and Grand Prize drawing.

To celebrate the end of our summer of reading, we invite all participants to a tea that will be held on Wednesday, September 14 in the Program Room from 5-7 p.m. At that time, we will hold the Grand Prize drawing. You or a representative must be present in order to be eligible for the drawing.

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Upcoming Programs



Super Hero Summer Reading Program

Teens are invited to join the Super Heroes-Super Readers program at the Sunnyvale Public Library this summer! Sign up starting Saturday, June 18, finish 10 books to pick out a free book to keep. Prizes will be available between Monday, August 8 and Sunday, September 4.

Yarn Days

June 10, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 3-5 p.m. Learn to knit or crochet this summer! Every Monday between 3 and 5 p.m. through the end of August, teens and

interested adults are welcome to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room to have fun while working on them. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet, bring some yarn, and we'll supply the needles or hooks and teach you how.



Graphic Novels

Telling Stories with Images

By JoAnn Rees

Since prehistoric times, people have been telling stories with pictures instead of words. Being able to read was the exception rather than the rule until the printing press was invented and the written word began to be easily reproduced. In 1978, Marvel

Comics published the first graphic novel called **The Silver Surfer**. Others soon followed and by the 21st century, graphic novels had become a major force in the publishing industry. The Sunnyvale Library is pleased to be a part of this storytelling tradition by including graphic novels as part of its collection. The titles below, located in the Teen Room, are some of the teen librarian's favorites, recommended for adults and older teens:

Mystery/Suspense/Police

Batman: The Long Hallowe'en

by Jeph Loeb

A wonderful noir take on the Batman comics, and a really good and suspenseful mystery novel in its own right.

Top 10 by Alan Moore

Imagine a police station, and the new cop starts her first day on the job...in a city where EVERYONE, adults, children and animals, has some sort of super power.

Historical

A Contract with God and Other Tenement Stories by Will Eisner

These four stories take place in New York, and are all inspired by Eisner's childhood growing up in poverty in the Bronx.

Kings in Disguise

by James Vance

A young boy travels across the country during the Great Depression, traveling, hopping trains with tramps and hoboes and coming across history in the making.

Safe Area Gorazde: The War in Eastern Bosnia, 1992-95

by Joe Sacco

Award winning journalist Sacco has written several firsthand accounts of civil war; this is one of his best.

Biographical and Autobiographical

Blankets: An Illustrated Novel

by Craig Thompson

Translated into many languages, this is Thompson's story of growing up in a religious family in the American Midwest.

Persepolis by Marjani Satrapi
Satrapi was nine years old when the Revolution happened in Iran. This is her story of growing up there both before and during the new regime.

Maus I and Maus II

by Art Spiegelman (in Adult nonfiction, 940.5318 S)

Spiegelman tells the story not only of his (not very successful) relationship with his aging father, but also tells his father's story of being a Jew in Poland during the German occupation, then being sent to Auschwitz and other camps...using mice and cats for the main characters.

And a few more...

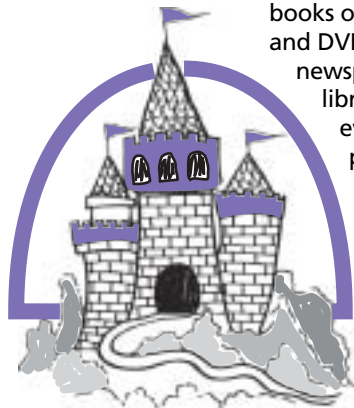
The Tale of One Bad Rat

by Brian Talbot

A girl who loves Beatrix Potter illustrations runs away from home with her pet rat and lives on the streets until she must finally confront her past.

John Constantine Hellblazer:

Son of Man by Garth Ennis
Funny, sarcastic, violent, kind of charming, and always down on his luck, Constantine is a magician in modern day London who may have made a very big mistake twenty years ago.



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Sixth Graders Visit the Civic Center

By Betsy Wachter

More than 500 sixth graders from Sunnyvale and Columbia Middle Schools received an introduction to city government this spring, thanks to the cooperative efforts of the Department of Public Safety, the City Manager's office, and the Sunnyvale Public Library. The goals of these visits to the Civic Center were to make young citizens aware of city services now, and to create informed and active participants in city government in the future.

A mock City Council meeting, led by a Council member, allowed the students to see how decisions that affect city residents are made. The highlight of the visit to the Public Safety building was seeing the jail cells, but the students also viewed a patrol car and its equipment and visited the dispatch center to learn what happens when 911 is called.

At the library, the students were given a tour of the building, ending in the Teen Room where the latest in teen literature was introduced. In addition, a librarian demonstrated catalog searching and some of the library's databases. Sarah commented in a thank you letter: "A library in Sunnyvale makes a happy city to live in." Other students came away with valuable tools to help them with school assignments. Diego wrote: "It was fun learning new things about the library computers. Now I know more than I already knew!" Junior said: "Now it will be easier for me to do research and look for books."

Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds

By Betsy Wachter

As the (relatively) lazy days of summer approach, we suggest that you include in your summer plans regular family visits to the Library. Summer reading programs are available for children ages 3 and up, for teens, and for adults. With our large collections of books, books on tape or CD, videos and DVDs, magazines and newspapers, and eBooks, the library has something for everyone. Research has proven that children who do free-choice reading over the summer break increase their reading skills significantly, and children whose parents or caregivers model reading are more likely to read

themselves. Signups for the Children's Summer Reading Program begin Saturday, June 18. Participants who read 10 books by Sunday, September 4 will receive a free paperback book, a gift from the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library. Come at 2 p.m. on June 18 and enjoy Magician Brian Scott's Wizard Training School, for children ages 3 and older and their families. On Thursday, June 23, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. children can listen to dragon stories and create a large but friendly dragon for the program room wall. Other Thursday programs will include guest puppeteers, Caribbean music, Wildlife Associates, and games from history. Make your summer's "daring deed" both fun and rewarding at the library!

Help Build the Sunnyvale Library of the Future

By Deborah Barrow, Library Director

I am elated to be part of the Sunnyvale Public Library team. As library supporters, you know better than anyone else what a wonderful resource our library is for the Sunnyvale community. The library's priority is, and will continue to be, to provide superior services to you and your family.

My goal as director is to keep traditional library services as our core value - providing children's storytimes and other children's services, the latest bestsellers, and assistance with finding the information you need are essential. At the same time, we want to enhance our services by exploring new options that have become available through technological and other advances. The production of information and the accompanying research techniques are changing. Situated as we are in Silicon Valley, I believe that it is important for our library to be prepared to embrace new methods of accessing information to meet our community's needs.

Last fall the Director of Libraries at the time, Victoria Johnson, wrote an article asking about the library of the future. She mentioned that there would be opportunities for you to tell us your vision of the library of the 21st Century. We are ready and eager to hear your opinion. Library staff are planning a series of meetings or focus groups to brainstorm with you about the library of the future. We would like to know what you see as the current strengths of your library, what improvements are needed, what would you like to see today, tomorrow and many years from now? This is a time to stretch the imagination and dream for the future.

Please plan on joining us in crafting a vision for the future. If you are interested in hearing more about these meetings, please send an email to futurelib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or talk to staff at the service desks. We look forward to talking with you!

Library Wins Publicity Award

By Steve Sloan

The California Library Association recently awarded the Sunnyvale Public Library with its PR Excellence Award in the category of News/Information for the Welcome to the Library packet. The Welcome to the Library packet consists of a color tri-fold brochure with a pouch in the middle which holds inserts describing library services and resources. It was designed by Barbara Weiss of Weiss & Lefforge and is presented to patrons when they sign up for a library card. A team of library staff pro-



vided the content for the brochure. The judges were Les Kong, former California Library Association president and Angie Coiro, KQED San Francisco. More than 80 entries were considered this year and the main criteria for judging were attractiveness of display, functionality, innovation, and creativity.

Doin' the Dewey

by JoAnn Rees

The 400 section of the Dewey Decimal System is devoted to Languages. The call number range 400-419 includes books on language and language theory, linguistics, writing systems, etymology, grammar, history of linguistics, and standard usage.

The Way We Talk Now: Commentaries on Language and Culture from NPR's "Fresh Air"

By Geoffrey Nunberg
400 N

The Language Imperative

By Suzette Haden Elgin
401.93 E

Language Visible: Unravelling the Mystery of the Alphabet from A to Z

By David Sacks
411 S

Lost Languages: The Enigma of the World's Undeciphered Scripts

By Andrew Robinson
411.09 R

Chasing the Sun: Dictionary Makers and the Dictionaries They Made

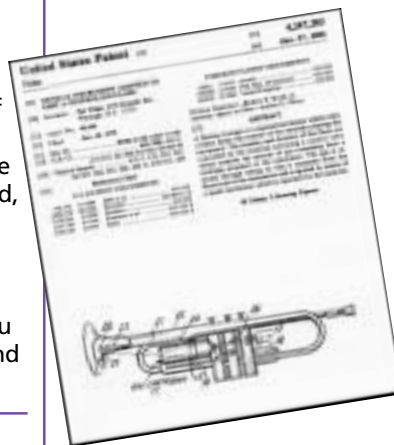
By Jonathon Green
413.028 G

Spoken Here: Travels Among Threatened Languages

By Mark Abley
417.7 A

The Power of Babel: A Natural History of Language

By John H. McWhorter
417.7 M



Hot Jazz

By Janet Berkeley

"Wow, the Wynton Marsalis show was hot last night, he was on fire." He literally could have been if the famous trumpeter had used US patent # 4247283 "Musical Instrument Adapted to Emit a Controlled Flame," invented by Pat Vidas who received his patent in 1981. The specifications say that the "combination of apparatus produces an extremely pleasant visual effect and has been widely received and appreciated by audiences and the musical world in general."

If you have a burning idea, librarians at Sc[i]³ can help with your patent and trademark questions. For more information on Sc[i]³ services, visit our Web site at www.sci3.com.



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Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers

	Area Code 408
Borrowers' Records	730-7303
Children's & Teen Services	730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD/TTY	730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	737-4907
Information & Reference	730-7300
Library Cards	730-7310
Library Administration	730-7316
Overdue Materials	730-7309
Renewals	730-7310
Sc[i]³ Patents & Trademarks	730-7300
Special Outreach Services	730-7306

Library Website

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.